



PCSK9 Inhibitors: Florida

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PCSK9 inhibitors are designed for patients with extremely high LDL, or “bad,” cholesterol. The drugs work by preventing the PCSK9 protein from destroying a receptor on the liver that clears bad cholesterol. The receptor “lives” longer, clearing more LDL cholesterol for the patient.

PCSK9 inhibitors are approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat:

- **Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia**, an inherited condition that causes high levels of LDL cholesterol
- **Clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease**, such as heart attacks or strokes.

Analysis of Health Plan Coverage & Access

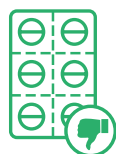
A national data supplier reviewed PCSK9 inhibitor claims for managed care organizations in Florida from August 20, 2015 to July 21, 2016.

Key Florida Findings



Rejection Rate:

45%



Total rejections:

3,784



Total appeals:

1,197

Of health plans that received at least 50 claims for PCSK9 inhibitors, the following had **the highest rates of rejections:**

Federal Employee Benefit Plan **77%** | Express Scripts **76%**
Cigna Healthcare **63%** | Florida Blue **61%**

The following had **the lowest rates of rejection:**

Health Care Services Corporation HCSC **32%** | Humana Health Plan **29%**
Freedom Health FL **29%** | Aetna US Healthcare **29%**

The following table details claims data for the Florida managed care organizations that received at least 50 claims for PCSK9 inhibitors.

| MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION | Rejection % | Total Claims | Approvals | Rejections | Reversals |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Federal Employee Benefit Plan | 77.72% | 193 | 31 | 150 | 12 |
| Express Scripts | 76.21% | 269 | 46 | 205 | 18 |
| Cigna Healthcare | 63.97% | 272 | 83 | 174 | 15 |
| Florida Blue | 61.53% | 876 | 228 | 539 | 109 |
| Tricare Military Health SVC Sys | 56.32% | 190 | 59 | 107 | 24 |
| CVS Health | 47.77% | 831 | 327 | 397 | 107 |
| Emdeon Coupon Programs | 45.28% | 53 | 27 | 24 | 2 |
| United Health Group | 43.37% | 1997 | 850 | 866 | 281 |
| Anthem | 43.02% | 86 | 43 | 37 | 6 |
| Wellcare Management Group | 41.04% | 134 | 58 | 55 | 21 |
| Rite Aid | 37.29% | 59 | 26 | 22 | 11 |
| Health Care Services Corporation HCSC | 32.14% | 56 | 36 | 18 | 2 |
| Humana Health Plan | 29.89% | 1750 | 890 | 523 | 337 |
| Aetna US Healthcare | 29.32% | 723 | 431 | 212 | 80 |
| Freedom Health FL | 29.21% | 89 | 49 | 26 | 14 |

Data source: National data supplier; Medicare, Medicaid managed care and commercial plans; August 20, 2015-July 21, 2016.



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